The French Academicians Confounded-Something More Wonderful than Spiritualistic Performances.

Among the strangest of the many strange peo-ple who successively "turn up" in this city is a pack of cards, and I hope to satisfy your worgreat acquirement, who came hither from his "Very good," said the Mayor. worked his way from poverty and obscurity to a lucrative profession and an acquaintance with everybody worth knowing in the control of the co aid of a talent for wonderworking that leaves all rivals in the shade. His feats of prestidigitation | Father and Son. are equal to those of the most renowned professers of the art, and in one department, that of | Son and Holy Ghost. tricks performed with a pack of cards, he far "When I see the four, it reminds me of the surpasses anything accomplished by them. But four Evangelists that preached, viz: Matthew, the most astonishing of his feats are of a totally Mark, Luke and John. different order, and such as no other wixard over "When I see the five, it reminds me of the attempted. For instance, his head tied up in a five wise virgins that trimmed their lamps. couple of towels, and then covered with a pale. There were ten, but five were fools, and were tot, he will request one of his audience to go to shut out. the farthest corner of the room, and there to "When I see the six, it reminds me that in write on a sheet of paper a mass of ciphers ar- six days the Lord made Heaven and earth. ranged in parallel columns and go through the "When I see the seven, it reminds me that on ing, multiplying, dividing stating the square of made; and hallowed it. figures written on the paper, and apparently God drowned the world, viz: Noah and his wife, reading them as soon as written. At one of his his three sons and their wives. seances he threw a folded paper to a lady friend of mine, who had never seen him, requesting her | lepers that were cleansed by our saviour. There not to open it, but to put it at once into her were ten, but nine never returned thanks. pocket, and keep it there until he should ask for is, which the lady accordingly did. Absorbed in | Ten Commandments which God handed down to watching the marvelous things done by the per- Moses on a table of stone. former, the lady had quite forgotton the paper | "When I see the king, it reminds me of the requested her to name one of the three kingdoms requested her to read the contents of the paper this.' in her pocket; on doing which, she found it contains of the Mayor, "you have given a tained these words, "The vegetable kingdom. description of all the cards in the pack except pr. John Bull, of Louisville, pr. John acquirements and reputation here, being invited to a private performance of De Caston's, at which he answered every question written by the person present, performed the most astounding feats | too, if you will not be angry." of divination of numbers, stated the events that "I will not," said the Mayor, "if you will not occurred at an immense number of dates written | term me to be a knave. by them-each paper being folded and held by "Well," said the soldier, "the greatest pounds of that valuable drug. the writer-went away very much disgusted, re | knave I know is the constable that brought me garding the whole affair as a series of tricks pro- here.' duced by the collusion of the parties present.

himself, "a company of thirteen respectable- est fool looking gentlemen, and intelligent men, all in league with a charlatan!" A day or two after | find three hundred and sixty-five-as many days wards, he received a note, from de Caston, saying that he should do himself the honor of calling on him in the course of a day or two, in I find there are fifty-two-as many weeks as order to give him a specimen of his powers in there are in a year. And I find four suits-the his own house. M. L-G- accordingly, number of weeks in a month. being determined to baffle his visitor, got down some rare old histories from one of the shelves representing the number of months in the year; of his library, and picked out about twenty dates and on counting the tricks, I find thirteen-the of little known historic facts, in the annals of number of weeks in a quarter. So you see, sir, several countries, and in remote ages. He drew | the pack of cards serves for a Bible, Almanac, up his paper with great internal satisfaction, feel | and Common Prayer Book to me." ing sure that he had provided a poser for de -Caston, folded it, and put it away in his waist coast pocket, not showing it to any one, and awaited the expected visitor. The latter arrived the next day, and was shown at once to the study where M. (1- was writing an article for some

"Pray don't disturb yourself," said de Caston on entering, "keep your seat and let me place myself here," and drawing a chair to the opposite side of the table, he took a folded paper from his pocket, and gave it to Mr. G-"Don't open it till I ask you to do so," said de EAST MARKET STREET, EDEN'S BLOCK, Caston; and M. G -- placed it unopened in his pocket. "Have you a pack of cards and a box of dom

"Here are dominoss," replied M. G.—, taking J. A. BUTTERFIELD & CO., and justly deserves the reputation it has so long enjoyed in Central America and the West Indies. inces?" demanded the visitor. the box out of the table drawers, and handing it to de Caston, "as for cards I don't think there are any in the house, but I'll ring for my servant and send out for a pack.

"Do nothing of the kind!" replied de Caston, "we can do just as well without cards as with them he continued, holding out his hand, just imagine that I am offering you a pack of cards from which you select four." M. G-extending his hand in turn," teigned

to draw out four cards, and to place them before him on the table "Be good enough to write on a paper, what

written. M. G -- did as requested.

"You have chosen the ace of spades, the king of clubs, the knave of diamonds, and the queen of hearts," quietly remarked the wigard as M G -- finished folding his paper. Those being A MOST IMPORTANT DISCOVERY! down the names.

After performing several other feats, equally inexplicable, with the imaginary cards, and with the dominoes, which came in play next, de Caston asked M. G --- to write a number of historical dates on a piece of paper, fold it up and hold it in his hand.

"I have my list already!" cried M. G-- tri umphantly, and produced the paper he had prepared the day before "Very good," replied de Caston, with a smile and a bow, "be so kind as to open the paper I

gave you on entering your study." "Judge of my stupefaction," said M. Gon recounting this little scene to your correspondent, "when I found that the paper he had given me, on coming into the room, contained an exact duplicate of my list, no one being changed or missing, and the date following each other in exactly the same order as in mine!'

On another occasion M. G- being also present, a little group of scientific men, including the great astronomer, M. Le Verrier, had assembled privately to witness de Caston's won-

"I do not pretend to any vast amount of science," remarked that gentleman to his learned andience, "but I have discovered a method of calculation which enables me to resolve any mathematical problem, no matter how difficult, instantaneously." "Nonsense, sir," shouted M. Le Verrier, who is very irascible and very rude when out of temper, "the thing is impossible!"

"Try me," returned De Caston, requesting some great mathematician present to propound some very difficult problem in the upper regions of algebra. The mathematician took out his pencil and wrote down the terms of some terrifically abstruse and complicated computation, upon which all present at once set to work, peneil in hand, when de Caston, placing his paper on the instant before the mathematician, remarked, "I think, Monsieur, you will find that this is the correct solution of your problem."

"You see, Monsieur, that my method of calculating really yields very useful results!" said de Caston to Le Verrier. But the latter, furious at seeing his statement refuted, and giving full course to his ill temper, assailed de Caston with torrents of invectives, calling him a trickster, a buffoon, a charlatan, and declaring that he would not stay to witness such impudent knavery, took his departure in a rage.

It seems that de Caston is often greatly excited and fatigued by the performance of his feats, and that he often suffers from headache after performing them. But what is to be thought of operations, mental or otherwise, producing results so utterly incomprehensible?

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THE PERPETUAL ALMANAC OR, SOLDIER'S PRAYER GENUINE WALTHAM WATCHES, made expressly BOOK-BY BICHARD LANK. A Private Soldier Belonging to the Forty Second Regiment, who was taken before the Mayor of Glasgow for Playing at Cards during Divine

Service. The sergeant commanded the soldiers to church, and when the parson read the prayers he took his text. Those who had a Bible took it

out; but this soldier had neither a Bible nor Common Prayer Book; but pulling out a pack of cular. cards he spread them out before him. He first looked at one card and then at the other. The sergeant of the company saw him and said:

"Richard, put up the cards; this is no place for "Never mind that," said Richard.

When the service was over, the constable took

Richard prisoner, and brought him before the

"Well, says the Mayor, "what have you rought that soldier here for?" "For playing cards in church." "Well, soldier, what have you to say for your-

"Very good; if not I will punish you more than man was ever punished." "I have been," said the soldier, "about six

"When I see the deuce, it reminds me of

"When I see the tray, it reminds me of Father,

most complicated operation with them, substract- the seventh day God rested from the works He pher, and so on-playing, as it were, with the eight righteous persons that were saved when

"When I see the nine, it reminds of the nine

"When I see the ten, it reminds me of the

in her pocket, when de Caston, turning to her, Great King of Heaven which is God Almighty. "When I see the queen, it reminds me of the of nature. Thus interpellated, and feeling rather | Queen of Sheba, who went to hear the wisdom nervous at seeing the eyes of the assembly fixed of Solomon; for she was as wise a woman as he upon her, the lady hurriedly named "The vege- | was a man. She brought with her fifty boys and table kingdom." De Caston thereupon, sing- fifty girls, all dressed in boys' apparel, for King ling out another lady with his eye, requested her Solomon to tell which were girls. King Solo to name some class of objects belonging to the mon sent for water for them to wash themselves; vegetable kingdom. "Flowers," replied the lady the girls washed to the elbows, and the boys thus addressed. Turning again to my friend, he only to the wrists—so King Solomon told by

"Which is that?" said the soldier "The knave," said the Mayor. "I will give your honor a description of that,

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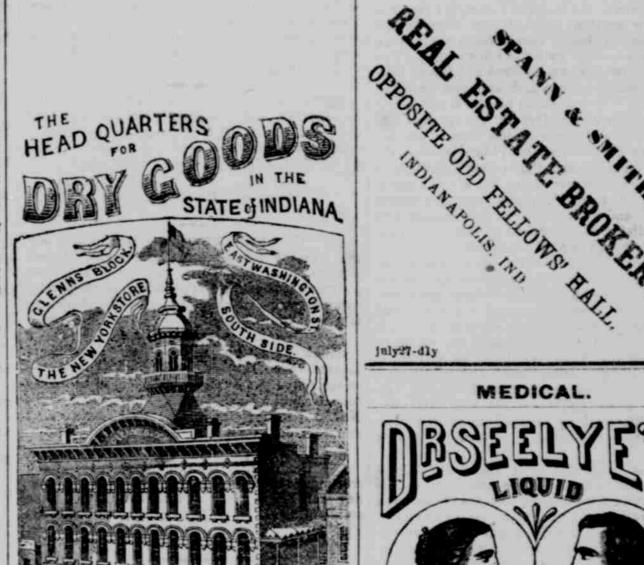
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